

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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NUMBER OF AIRPORTS  
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of airports in the country at present, location-wise;
- (b) the number of airports out of them lying closed, location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government are contemplating to operate small passenger aeroplanes from these airports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SHARAD YADAV )

(a) :- Airports Authority of India owns and manages 94 airports and 28 civil enclaves in the country. It also manages the airports at Lengpui in Mizoram and Tura in Meghalaya belonging to the State Governments. Cochin International Airport is managed by the Cochin International Airport Limited. The number of airports state-wise are 8 airports each in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra, 7 each in Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, 5 each in Assam, Bihar, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, 4 in Tripura, 3 each in Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan, 2 each in Chattisgarh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Kerala, Orissa, Punjab and Uttaranchal, and 1 each in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Pondicherry and Lakshadweep. There are 4 civil enclaves each in Arunachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh, 3 each in Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, and Rajasthan, 2 in Gujarat and 1 each in Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar and Chandigarh.

(b) :- Of the above, 33 airports and 10 civil enclaves are non-operational. These are 5 airports each in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, 4 in Andhra Pradesh, 3 each in Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal, 2 each in Assam and Karnataka, 1 each in Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Mizoram, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. The Civil Enclaves are 4 in Arunachal Pradesh, 3 in Uttar Pradesh, 2 in Rajasthan and 1 in Kerala. These airports are not totally closed. A basic minimum maintenance is carried out so that these airports can be made operational at a short notice as and when chartered or non-scheduled flights are operated.

(c), (d), and (e) :- Airlines are free to operate to/from any airport taking into account their commercial considerations and depending upon the traffic potential and the availability of aircraft.